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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

VAN HOYWEGHEN ET AL.

Examiner

Seungsook Ham

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 16 January 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the subject matter of claims 7, 12 and 17 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stevenson et al. (US '829).

Stevenson et al. (figs. 7-9) discloses an electromagnetic filter 30d comprising: a substantially planar substrate 38d having first and second sides and a feedthrough surface defining an orifice; a feedthrough conductor 36d'-36d''' extending through the orifice; first and second dielectric components 42d', 42'' supported from the first side and partially surrounding the conductor.

Regarding claims 2-6, 9-11, Stevenson et al. discloses the dielectric components being chip capacitors having conductive plates separated one from the other by a dielectric material (figs. 12A-12D, col. 4, lines 36-45); the first dielectric component has a first conductive plate 44 electrically connected to a conductive contact (by welding, brazing, soldering, etc., col. 7, lines 21-25) electrically connected to the feedthrough conductor 36; and a second conductive plate 46 separated from the first conductive plate by a dielectric material 68 and not electrically connected to the conductive contact (col. 6, lines 56-67).

Regarding claims 7, 12 and 17, Stevenson et al. (fig. 9) also shows the conductive contact 34e is not within the orifice.

Regarding claims 14-16, Stevenson et al. (figs. 7 and 8) also shows the substrate is at first electrical potential (i.e., ground, see fig. 8) and the conductor is at a second electric potential (active signal line); and the first dielectric component has sides (see figs. 12A, the side conductors 66 and 64) joined to the substrate by a conductive material and to the feedthrough conductor by a conductive material, respectively.

The method steps recited in claims 18-20 are implicit from the device of Stevenson et al. since the claimed device is identical to the device of Stevenson et al.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Ward (US '277 and '208) and Pfeifer disclose a filter assembly having chip capacitors connected to a feedthrough conductor; and

Chuang (US '016) and Hittman et al. (US '759) disclose a filter assembly having chip capacitors disposed on a substrate and connected to feedthrough conductors.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Seungsook Ham whose telephone number is (571) 272-2405. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 8:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Pascal can be reached on (571)-272-1769. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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